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November 15, 2021

Dahnish Shams  
Task Order Contracting Officer Representative  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ORD/CPHEA/CPAD  
Washington, DC

Re: October 2021 Progress Report, Technical Expertise Support on EPA Scientific Issues and Topics  
Contract #68HERC19D0011; PR-ORD-20-00642; Task Order #68HERC20F0025

Task 1. Recruitment of Technical Expertise to Support EPA Meetings and Workshops  
Task 2. NAS-Led Meetings and Workshops to Support Assessment Development  
Task 3. Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Document

Dear Mr. Shams:

This progress report for the tasks, referenced above, covers the month of October 2021. Information on project-related activities and expenditures for each task is provided below. In addition, attached for each task are (1) a table of monthly labor costs, cumulative labor costs, total monthly expenditures, cumulative total expenditures, and the percentage of the total potential award spent, and (2) figures showing a comparison of total funds spent and labor costs, cumulative funds spent by activity (excluding labor), and cumulative hours worked by staff.

The RSO participated in biweekly meetings with EPA personnel to discuss progress and plans for upcoming activities for Tasks 1, 2, and 3.

**Task 1. Recruitment of Technical Expertise to Support EPA Meetings and Workshops:**

No expenditures were included for this reporting period. The project staff time spent to line up experts for the public science meeting on the scope of the Naphthalene IRIS Assessment Plan to be held on November 9 will be reflected in the progress report for November. The total expenditures since inception are \$65,914.62.

**Task 2. NAS-Led Meetings and Workshops to Support Assessment Development:**

Project staff continued to gather information for use in planning the workshop and strove to enable the two workshops to be held before the end of the current performance period. However, unexpected delays have caused that result to become impracticable. The responsible staff officer

discussed with the TOCOR that a six-month extension would be need to be requested for holding the workshops and issuing the written proceedings.

Financial information for October 2021

Cost Category	Expenditures (\$)
Labor Cost	<b>Ex. 4 CBI</b>
ODCs	
Overhead	
G&A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,399.72</b>

The total expenditures since inception are \$97,774.10.

**Task 3. Review of EPA's Draft Assessment Document**

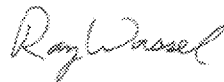
Committee members and project staff responded to comments from reviewers of the committee's draft report. The responses and associated revisions to the committee's report were to be submitted to the review coordinator and the review monitor in early November. They will determine whether the committee has adequately addressed the review comments. Their approval is required for institutional approval of the report prior to submittal to the sponsor.

Financial information for October 2021

Cost Category	Expenditures (\$)
Labor Cost	<b>Ex. 4 CBI</b>
ODCs	
Overhead	
G&A	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,821.23</b>

The total expenditures since inception are \$263,131.61.

Sincerely,



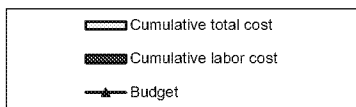
Raymond Wassel  
Responsible Staff Officer

cc: Vicki Soto, U.S. EPA  
William Yates, U.S. EPA  
Laura Llanos, National Academies  
Lavonne Burgess, National Academies  
Tasha Seabron, National Academies

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Task 2 - Workshops for EPA  
Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

**Ex. 4 CBI**

395.18



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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost

Dollars (thousands)

**Ex. 4 CBI**

Monthly

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Dollars spent

**Ex. 4 CBI**

⌘ Funds Spent this Period ⌘ Total funds spent to date

Task

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■ Hours worked this month

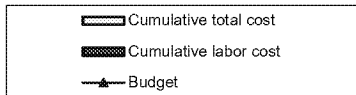
□ Hours worked to date

Hours

**Ex. 4 CBI**

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Total Dollars Spent (Thousand)

# Ex. 4 CBI



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Comparison of Total Funds Spent and Labor Cost

Dollars (thousands)

**Ex. 4 CBI**



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Dollars spent

Ex. 4 CBI

■ Funds Spent this Period ■ Total funds spent to date

Task

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Reporting Period: October 1, 2024 - October 31, 2024

■ Hours worked this month

Hours

**Ex. 4 CBI**